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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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Tommy Stewart,

Plaintiff,

v.

State of Nevada,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:21-cv-01210-GMN-BNW

**Order**

Plaintiff submitted initiating documents to this Court on June 28, 2021. ECF No. 1. Plaintiff did not pay the filing fee for this case or file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

If Plaintiff is unable to pay the filing fee in this case, Plaintiff must complete an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1) and Local Special Rule (“LSR”) 1-1. If Plaintiff can pay the filing fee, he must do so.

Plaintiff also did not submit a complaint to the Court. If Plaintiff wishes to pursue this case, he must file a complaint. To help Plaintiff file a properly formatted complaint, the Court now advises Plaintiff of the following requirements under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff is advised that failing to comply with these rules when drafting and filing his complaint may result in this action being dismissed.

First, Plaintiff’s complaint must be short and plain. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8, Plaintiff’s complaint must contain “a short and plain statement of the claim showing that [Plaintiff] is entitled to relief.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2). “Each allegation must be simple, concise, and direct.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(d)(1). “A party must state its claims or defenses in numbered paragraphs, each limited as far as practicable to a single set of circumstances.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 10(b). “[E]ach claim founded on a separate transaction or occurrence . . . must be stated in a separate count.” *Id.*

1 Second, Plaintiff may not raise multiple unrelated claims in a single lawsuit. Plaintiff is  
2 advised that the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure do not permit a litigant to raise unrelated claims  
3 involving different defendants in a single action. A basic lawsuit is a single claim against a single  
4 defendant. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 18(a) allows a plaintiff to add multiple claims to the  
5 lawsuit when those claims are against the same defendant. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 20(a)  
6 allows a plaintiff to add multiple parties to a lawsuit where the right to relief arises out of the  
7 “same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences.” Fed. R. Civ. P.  
8 20(a)(2)(A). “However, unrelated claims that involve different defendants must be brought in  
9 separate lawsuits.” *Bryant v. Romero*, No. 1:12-CV-02074-DLB PC, 2013 WL 5923108, at \*2  
10 (E.D. Cal. Nov. 1, 2013) (citing *George v. Smith*, 507 F.3d 605, 607 (7th Cir. 2007)). This rule is  
11 intended to avoid confusion that arises out of bloated lawsuits.

12 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court must send Plaintiff the  
13 approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, as well as the document titled  
14 “Information and Instructions for Filing an *In Forma Pauperis* Application.”

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by July 22, 2021, Plaintiff must either: (1) file a  
16 complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* in compliance with 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1) and  
17 LRS 1-1; or (2) pay the full \$402 fee for a civil action, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the  
18 \$52 administrative fee. Plaintiff is advised that failure to comply with this order will result in a  
19 recommendation that this case be dismissed.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by July 22, 2021, Plaintiff must file a complaint.  
21 Plaintiff is advised that failure to comply with this order will result in a recommendation that this  
22 case be dismissed.

23 DATED: July 2, 2021.

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26 BRENDA WEKSLER  
27 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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